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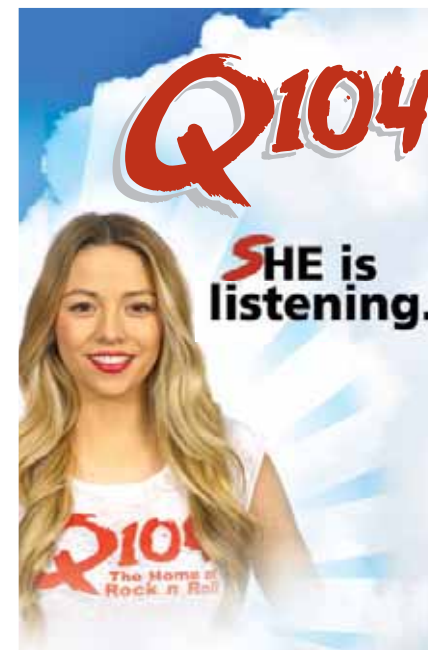
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## NOTHING TO DECLARE

A CANADIAN TRAVELLER ALLEGES SHE WAS DENIED ENTRY TO THE U.S. FOR CARRYING LINGERIE AND CONDOMS. WAS THERE MORE TO IT THAN THAT?

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## NEPTUNE'S GOT BLONDE AMBITION

The cast of *Legally Blonde: The Musical* perform a scene on the Fountain Hall stage during media availability at Neptune Theatre on Tuesday afternoon. The musical, premiering on Friday, is Neptune's final main production of the season. Story, page 4. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

## Man's body retrieved from sunken car

**St. Anns Bay.** Side-scan sonar helped locate vehicle that went missing from ferry

### Quoted

"I've only been here 10 years, but this is the first time I've ever seen anything like this."

Local resident Jim Steele

A car that plunged off a raised ferry ramp into the icy waters of St. Anns Bay eight days ago was recovered Tuesday afternoon along with the remains of 81-year-old Jerry Hengeveld, who had been reported missing by family since Friday.

RCMP divers recovered Hengeveld's remains from the submerged car at about 2 p.m., prior to having a tow-truck operator haul the man's silver-coloured Toyota Camry onto the shoreline on its roof.

Police confirmed the Waterville, Kings Co., man's identity using his driver's licence and other identification that was found on him in the car.

His family was notified of his death shortly afterward.

"It brings some sort of closure to the family but it's some-

thing you wouldn't want to see placed on anybody. It's going to be a hard day for the family for sure," said RCMP Staff Sgt. Craig Yorke as he spoke with reporters on the windswept shoreline at Jersey Cove.

RCMP identification services were to photograph the body and then take it to the medical examiner's office in Halifax where an autopsy is to be performed.

"They'll check for any underlying diseases the person may have had. That's all I can say in that respect," Yorke said.

The RCMP have impounded the car for a mechanical review at their North Sydney detachment.

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# Man charged in stabbing death appears in court

**Violent crime.** Crown says victim's family 'pulling together well,' after 20-year-old's sudden killing

A 21-year-old man facing a murder charge in a weekend stabbing in Halifax made his first court appearance on Tuesday.

Vincent James Steele of Halifax faces a charge of second-degree murder in the death of 20-year-old Neema Barati.

"Mr. Steele had the charges read to him and the matter was adjourned until April 30," said Crown prosecutor Catherine Cogswell outside court. "The accused needed time to review the disclosure that we had now, and also adjourn to allow the Crown some time to prepare more disclosure."

Steele, who wore black sweatpants, a red sweater and sneakers, stood quietly and looked at the floor during his short appearance in Halifax provincial court. There was also a large red mark above his left eye, which appeared to be a recent injury.

He was arrested at 4:30 a.m. Easter Sunday after officers were called to 6257 Seaford St. and discovered the body of Barati, who had been

## Social Media

### Mourning Barati on Facebook

The Facebook page of Neema Barati-Stone shows an outpouring of love for the 20-year-old man who was stabbed to death in Halifax last Sunday.

Dozens of well-wishers have posted messages on the profile photo of Barati-Stone, who is named as Neema Barati in court documents.

Many said simply "Rest in peace," or lamented the loss of such a young person. A few said Barati would be missed.

"Can't believe your taken from this earth," reads one.

"You impacted so many peoples lives, you'll never be forgotten," says another. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**

stabbed to death.

Police said Steele is known to them.

Cogswell said the victim's family was sitting in court Tuesday, and said when she met with them they were "very, very good to deal with."

"In the very, very difficult circumstances that they find themselves as a family, they're pulling together well," Cogswell said.

Barati's family left the courtroom without speaking to the media.

**HALEY RYAN/METRO**

## Court date

- Vincent James Steele's next court date is set for April 30.

## In Court. Lawyers make appearances for men accused in sex sting

Three of the five men accused of arranging to pay for sex with a 16-year-old girl had lawyers appear on their behalf in Halifax court Tuesday.

Mitchell Gary Kays-Rose, 25, Alan Tek, 29, and Peter Lee White, 39, were scheduled to appear in provincial court on April 2.

White's next appearance was set over until April 19 for election and plea, while Kays-Rose and Tek will appear

April 23.

No child was ever actually involved in the case, as police had launched a sting operation in February where an officer exchanged hundreds of emails with the accused. They were each arrested when they turned up at a local hotel room.

Donald William Moore of Shubenacadie and Pierre Simon of Hilden are also facing charges in the sting operation.

**HALEY RYAN/METRO**



Vincent James Steele of Halifax arrives at Halifax provincial court on Tuesday. He is facing a charge of second-degree murder in the death of 20-year-old Neema Barati. **DEVAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO**

## Break-and-enter

### Halifax teens charged after liquor store gets broken into

Two Halifax youths are facing charges after Truro police responded to a break-and-enter at the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation outlet on Prince Street on Monday morning.

After a brief chase, police say the teens — aged 15 and 16 — were arrested and charged with breaking and entering.

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## Crosswalk. Man charged after car-pedestrian collision in Dartmouth

A 51-year-old man is recovering from minor injuries after he was hit by a car in a marked crosswalk in Dartmouth.

Police say the collision happened around 6 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Portland Street and Spring Avenue.

Const. Dianne Woodworth of Halifax Regional Police said the man was taken to hospital for treatment, but was expected to be released shortly.

The male driver of the car has been charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. **METRO**

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## Dexter. More seniors set to be exempted from paying provincial income tax

Low income seniors are in line for further tax breaks that would cost the province about \$6 million in the upcoming budget, Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter said Tuesday.

Dexter told the legislature that under measures to be tabled in Thursday's budget another 8,000 low-income seniors would be exempt from paying provincial income tax as of Jan. 1, 2014.

He said the move would increase the number of seniors exempt from paying provincial income tax from 17,000 to 25,000. Dexter said another 4,000 seniors would also have a portion of their income tax returned to them.

Dexter said the maximum



**Darrell Dexter**  
METRO FILE

property tax rebate available to seniors would also increase from \$600 to \$800 — a figure that would cover about 50 per cent of property tax

bills.

He said the \$6-million cost of the changes included both measures.

"We don't consider it a hit, we consider it a benefit to the seniors of the province," Dexter said of the cost. Dexter denied it was a move to buy seniors' votes as part of an upcoming election. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## NS Liquor Corp. People overcharged for booze will be refunded: Minister

Nova Scotia's finance minister says people who were overcharged by Nova Scotia Liquor Corp. because of a computer glitch over the weekend will be reimbursed if they have receipts.

But Maureen MacDonald is rejecting a call to investigate why customers were charged

higher prices on some products Saturday, two days ahead of a scheduled price increase.

MacDonald says she regrets the error.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie says the government needs to explain why the mistake occurred. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Indian Point. Lobster fisherman dies after he falls overboard at wharf

Police say a fisherman who fell off a boat in Indian Point has died.

The incident happened early Tuesday at the Indian Point wharf as two fishermen prepared to head out to tend to their lobster traps.

The Mounties say one of the two men fell overboard and

was found floating unconscious in the water.

The RCMP say firefighters and paramedics attempted to revive the man, who was taken to South Shore Regional Hospital in Bridgewater.

However, police say the man died shortly after he was taken to the hospital. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

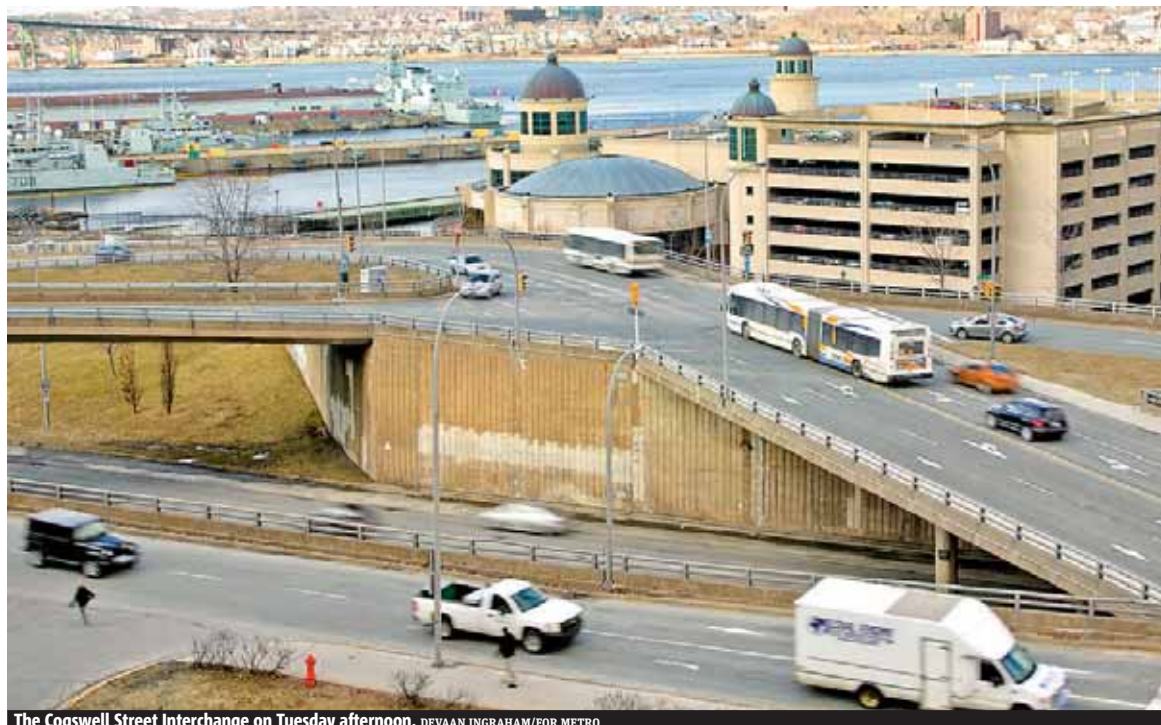
### Dartmouth

## Man fined more than \$28,000 for padding tax returns: Feds

A Dartmouth man has been fined more than \$28,000 for making up employers and income in order to beef up his tax returns over four years.

The Canada Revenue Agency states in a release that Davison Mark Downey has been convicted on five charges under the Income Tax Act for claiming fictitious tax refunds, which reported income and deductions from two false employers.

Downey has been fined \$28,015, which he must repay by March 31, 2016. **METRO**



The Cogswell Street Interchange on Tuesday afternoon. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

# Coun.: Go green for Cogswell overhaul

**Big picture.** Jennifer Watts asks for report on renewable energy options to accompany Cogswell Interchange redevelopment



**RUTH DAVENPORT**  
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A municipal councillor wants to ensure that whatever is coming to the Cogswell Interchange site, renewable energy will be a part of it.

Coun. Jennifer Watts will ask the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee on Thursday for a staff re-

### Quoted

"For all the negatives that are associated with the horrible Cogswell Interchange, and then all the problems with the sewage treatment plant, actually this could be a really positive thing."

Coun. Jennifer Watts

port outlining district energy options for the pending redevelopment of the 43-year-old interchange.

"As the plans and the ideas are beginning to be generated, it's making sure that the potential for that district energy project is there and understood and is accommodated for in this process when they're doing the technical review," said Watts Tuesday.

Ekistics Planning and Design is currently conducting a detailed technical analysis of the potential redevelopment of the site, which will be combined with existing and updated studies of the site and sent to council in October.

Watts said district energy options could include the use of harbour water for cooling, or harnessing the roughly 55 MW of heat generated by the

sewage treatment plant for heating — enough to heat about 10,000 homes.

Watts said it makes sense to consider adding the infrastructure for alternative energy in tandem with the redevelopment.

"Pre-build is a lot easier, obviously, than trying to retrofit, so it's trying to understand the potential that as buildings go in and are being developed, that they're actually built to engage the district energy system," she said.

Council officially voted to get rid of the interchange in 2009. Since then, suggestions for the site have ranged from a performance centre for the arts to affordable housing to a stadium.

## Kiss to rock and roll all night in Halifax



Gene Simmons of KISS on the Halifax Common in 2009. METRO FILE

Kiss is ready to rock Halifax once again.

The legendary rockers have officially announced that they will be touring Atlantic Canada this summer and will perform Thursday, Aug. 1 at the Halifax Metro Centre.

Kiss last played in Halifax in July, 2009 on the Halifax Com-

mon. The group is also making Atlantic Canadian stops in Saint John, N.B. on July 31, and Aug. 3 and 4 at Mile One Stadium in St. John's.

The group is touring this year as part of its Monster Tour 2013.

It was rumoured back in February that Kiss was coming

to Halifax this summer after band member Gene Simmons posted Halifax as a tour stop on his website.

Tickets for the Halifax show go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m. through Ticket Atlantic. Tickets range in price from \$88.25 to \$113.25, which includes tax and service charges. **METRO**





Sure, guys will "get dragged" to Legally Blonde: The Musical, but they'll have "a fun night out," director George Pothitos says. DEVAAN INGRAHAM/FOR METRO

# Pink, fabulous and set to star in Halifax

**Legally Blonde: The Musical.** Director promises laughs for both women and men

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The sassy legal genius — and her little dog — who set Harvard Law boys on fire in the

2001 hit movie is coming to Halifax.

Elle Woods is set to take centre stage in Legally Blonde: The Musical, opening on Friday at Neptune Theatre.

"(Elle) is trying to find what she feels is love, chasing Warner to Harvard," actor David Cotton said on Tuesday. "But what she really ends up finding is independence, strength in herself, confidence in who she is as a person and stops focusing on this man."

Cotton plays Warner Huntington, a wealthy Harvard Law student who appears to have it all, including Elle's heart. Elle is played by Dartmouth native Lindsey Frazier.

"He's a bit of a jerk," Cotton said of his character. He has been performing professionally for four years and said theatregoers can expect high energy, big numbers and a lot of Canadian talent.

Although the movie wasn't a musical, the story is the same. "This is a musical — there, alone, is a huge difference from the movie, but

## Get your tickets

- Legally Blonde: The Musical runs Friday through May 26 at Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall. Visit [neptune-theatre.com](http://neptune-theatre.com) for ticket information and show times.

elements are the same, like the 'bend and snap' and Elle's journey," director George Pothitos said.

He got the idea to stage the show when a friend told him about a production he'd seen. Pothitos had no particular interest in the play but decided to take in a performance, and was surprised when he enjoyed it.

He said men will enjoy his version just as much as women. "Sure, they'll get dragged there, but it's funny, well structured, a good piece, and guys will be surprised by that," he said. "You can expect a fun night out."

## Benefit. Sunday concert to support musician Jay Smith's family

East Coast musicians are coming together on Sunday for a benefit concert at Casino Nova Scotia to support the bereaved family of a rising star.

Cape Breton guitarist and collaborator Jay Smith was found dead in his Edmonton hotel room last week while on tour with Matt Mays.

Police say foul play is not suspected.

Jessica Dempsey of Casino Nova Scotia said the concert is an all-day event starting at 12:30 p.m., with three shows. The benefit features songwriter circles at 1 and 3:30 p.m., followed by a Rock Room performance at 6 p.m. with a lineup including Joel Plaskett Emergency and Mays.

## Age restriction

- The event is licensed and tickets are restricted to people 19 and over.

A silent auction takes place from 2:30 to 7:30 p.m., with all proceeds going to the Smith family. Donations can also be made online on Mays' website, [mattmays.com](http://mattmays.com).

Dempsey said tickets for each show will be on sale Wednesday at noon for \$40 plus tax.

They're available through Ticket Atlantic and are limited to a maximum of four per person for each concert.

KAYLA WOODSIDE/FOR METRO

## Cape Breton

### Man injured in motorcycle collision

A man was taken to Cape Breton Regional Hospital with serious injuries after the motorcycle he was driv-

ing collided with a car.

Police said the crash happened at about 3 p.m. on Tuesday at the intersection of Grand Lake Road and Kyt's Hill Drive in Sydney. The traffic-safety unit is investigating.

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## Robocalls. Tory worker charged in election fraud

A junior Conservative campaign worker in Guelph, Ont., has been charged under the Elections Act for fraudulent robocalls made during the 2011 election campaign.

The charge was confirmed by the lawyer for Michael Sona, a young employee on the campaign of candidate Marty Burke.

Elections Canada has been investigating hundreds of fraudulent calls in Guelph and dozens of other ridings that purported to be from the elections regulator.

Voters were told their poll-

ing stations had been moved, part of an alleged scam to suppress non-Conservative voters.

Sona, now 24, asserts that he is being made a scapegoat by the party brass. His lawyer, Norm Boxall, echoed that allegation in a statement Tuesday.

"If the government was interested in the public being fully informed ... a full public inquiry would be called, rather than a charge laid against a single individual who ... clearly lacked the resources and access to the data required."

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Neither Elections Canada nor the public prosecutors' office would comment on the nature of a charge against one young staffer. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## N.Y.C. Lawmaker arrested over alleged plot to bribe his way into mayoral race

A New York state lawmaker was arrested Tuesday along with several other politicians for an alleged plot to get him into the race for mayor of New York City.

Democratic state Sen. Malcolm Smith tried to pay off some of New York City's Republican Party bosses to get himself on the ballot, federal authorities said.

"The complaint describes an unappetizing smorgasbord of graft and greed involving six officials who together built a corridor of corruption," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said.

In a statement, Bharara said

"Smith drew up the game plan" and another helped "by finding party chairmen who were wide open to receiving bribes."

In meetings with a co-operating witness and an undercover FBI agent, Smith agreed to bribe leaders of Republican county committees around N.Y.C. in an attempt to run as a Republican candidate, a criminal complaint said.

If convicted of conspiracy, wire fraud and violation of the Hobbs Act, Smith could face up to 45 years in prison.

Smith said in a statement that he'll be vindicated in court.

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### Kamloops, B.C.

## Alleged jail-sex voyeurs at hearing

A preliminary hearing is underway in a Kamloops, B.C., court for three RCMP officers and a jail guard who are accused of watching two women having sex in a cell.

Cpl. Kenneth Brown and constables Evan Elgee and Stephen Zaharia are each charged with one count of breach of trust by a public

officer in connection with the August 2010 incident. Guard David Tompkins faces a similar allegation.

The Crown alleges the four did not act when surveillance cameras showed two drunken women having sex.

Instead of intervening, the men are accused of calling their colleagues to watch, even though the women were likely too drunk to be able to consent to sex, and one had already told officers she had HIV. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Student says she was accused of sex work

**U.S. border.** Customs flagged her for carrying condoms and lingerie, UBC student alleges



KATE WEBB  
Metro in Vancouver

A UBC student who tried to go through U.S. customs three times last month while carrying condoms and sexy lingerie says she was interrogated for hours, accused of being a sex worker and warned she could be banned from the U.S. for five years.

Creative-writing student Clay Nikiforuk, 24, has asked that her real name be withheld. She said she was told she now needs a visa proving she has no intent to settle in the U.S. to cross the border.

Her ordeal started in early March. Alone, she boarded a bus to Boston from Montreal, where she lives and is enrolled in distance education.

At the border crossing in Vermont, she said officers questioned her about eight or so condoms in her suitcase and about her underwear.

"I was like, 'Yeah, some girls like shoes, I like nice underwear,' and then realized it was really not funny," she said. "They were taking it very seriously ... and looking at my condoms and counting them."

Nikiforuk was eventually let through but didn't learn until later she had been flagged as a suspected prostitute.

On March 24, she was back in Montreal heading through U.S. customs on a flight to



Clay Nikiforuk, who asked that her real name be withheld, says she was interrogated by U.S. border agents for eight hours last week and denied a flight on suspicion of being a sex worker. CONTRIBUTED

Aruba via Miami accompanied by a married man.

Nikiforuk said the man's wife knows about their affair.

She said as soon as she gave her passport to U.S. border control she was asked, "How much is he paying you to go on this trip?"

When she said he was not, she was berated for participating in adultery but let go.

When it was time to travel home from Aruba on March 27, she says U.S. customs interrogated her for eight hours. When asked what, if not sex work, she does for a living, she said she is writing a book about sexual assault.

"He asked, 'Are you looking to be sexually assaulted?'" she said. She alleges that after hours of interrogation, she was denied entry to the U.S., although her partner was not questioned. They spent \$900 each on plane tickets to Canada via Panama, plus paid for two extra nights in a hotel.

She admits she has been paid for some freelance modelling work in the U.S. but insists she was questioned in all three instances in March primarily on suspicion of being a sex worker.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said he cannot comment due to privacy laws, but that in general anyone coming into the U.S. frequently is assumed to be an intended immigrant.

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### Legal checkup

## Suspicion is enough

Miami-based immigration lawyer Steve Goldstein said he's never heard of someone being barred from entering the U.S. solely because they were carrying condoms.

And he said he suspects there were likely other factors at play when Clay Nikiforuk (not her real name) was denied entry to the U.S. after travelling to Aruba, such as her website stating she poses for nude modelling photo shoots and the fact she was travelling with a married man.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol spokesman Mike Milne said suspicion of prostitution is enough to deny someone admission to the country under U.S. immigration law.

"If they have suspicion of something, and it's something that falls under the Immigration Act as a ground of inadmissibility, they pretty much are judge and jury," Goldstein said. "They make the decision: you're in or you're out."

Nikiforuk still contends she is the victim of a sexist double standard, because a man would never be investigated to begin with simply for carrying condoms and nice underwear. METRO

## Dutch architects crowdfund a bridge

Modern development had cut off a thriving pre-war core of Rotterdam from the rest of the city, and officials said a connecting bridge would take 30 years to finance.

So a team of young architects decided to crowdfund it.

More than 1,300 planks later, each one stamped with the sponsor's name, the first 18 metres of the wooden Luchtsingel bridges two downtown halves of the Dutch city.

By summer, architect Kristian Koreman said, another 100 metres will stretch the bridge further into the old city



Art from ZUS architects of the pedestrian bridge. HANDOUT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

core, adding a circular hub with a culinary park underneath.

ZUS architects and the International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam managed to raise \$130,000 in the first four months of the project in 2012.

A plank costs \$32.50 and a segment \$162.50. The project, I Make Rotterdam, was underway when it won a popular vote competition for a government grant that kicked in another \$4 million in infrastructure money that speeded

construction.

"It's a new reality. We have retreating governments and an ongoing economic crisis. But people are no longer simply going to wait for things to happen," Koreman said.

"There is a soft revolution going on."

ZUS is keenly interested in other city core developments, including in Canada, Koreman said. He has joined in workshop discussions in Vancouver on alternative architecture and would happily do the same in Toronto, he said.

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## Fallen from grace. Former priest pleads guilty to meth-possession charges

A suspended U.S.-based Catholic priest accused of making more than \$300,000 in methamphetamine sales while running a sex shop pleaded guilty Tuesday to a federal drug charge.

Kevin Wallin, 61, admitted to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute metham-

phetamine, and was scheduled to be sentenced June 25. The prosecution and defence agreed on a sentence of 11 to 14 years in prison.

Prosecutors said Wallin had meth mailed to him from California and sold the drugs out of his apartment last year. He also bought an adult video

and sex toy shop named Land of Oz & Dorothy's Place, apparently to launder the drug money, authorities said.

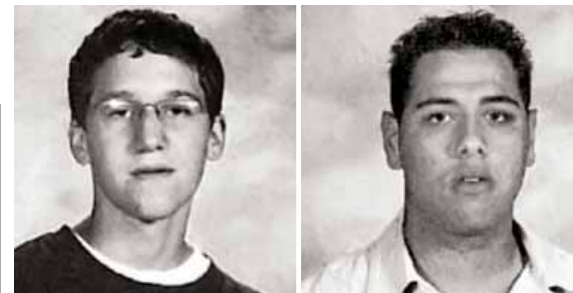
Wallin appeared to have no supporters in the courtroom. He was led out of the room in handcuffs and remains detained.

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### Suspicious

Kevin Wallin was suspended from public ministry last May amid concerns by church officials about a number of problems, including sexually inappropriate behaviour with other men.

## Al-Qaida links stun community



Xristos Katsiroubas, left, and Ali Medlej are pictured in a 2005-06 London South Collegiate Institute yearbook. The high school friends were part of an al-Qaida-led terrorist attack in Algeria. MARK SPOWART/METRO

### At a glance

- Media reports indicate CSIS was asking questions about Medlej and Katsiroubas in 2007.
- Two others from the London area might have travelled to Algeria with Medlej and Katsiroubas, according to reports, but it isn't known if they were involved in the attack.
- Intelligence officials have said dozens of Canadians have ventured abroad, or tried to do so, to take part in violent operations.

### Killed in gas-plant siege. Ont. city's Muslim community calls for understanding, denounces terrorism as local ties to Algeria attack surface

Ali Medlej was a football player. "A big guy," as Darek Bishop puts it. "He was probably like six-foot-two, 250 pounds."

Xristos Katsiroubas was a "preppy kid" whose demeanor took a turn for the worse between his first and second years of high school.

"He started hanging out with shady people, and I saw him change," Bishop said. "He was talking different, his

whole attitude changed."

It's been more than five years since Bishop roamed the halls of a London, Ont., high school with Medlej and Katsiroubas.

Now he — and many other Londoners — are left wondering how two local boys could be part of an al-Qaida-led attack on an Algerian gas plant.

"I smoked cigarettes two feet away from (Katsiroubas)," said Bishop, now 23. "I didn't expect any of this to happen."

There were more questions than answers Tuesday after reports that Medlej and Katsiroubas were the two Canadians found dead at the plant, where terrorists led a four-day siege during which 38 hostages and 29 militants were killed.

MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO IN LONDON

### Gun debate

### Schools should arm staff members, says NRA report

Schools across the U.S. should train staff members to carry weapons and should each have armed security officers to make students safer and allow a quicker

response to an attack, the director of a National Rifle Association-sponsored study said Tuesday.

"The presence of an armed security personnel in a school adds a layer of security and diminishes the response time that is beneficial to the overall security," said former Republican Rep. Asa Hutchinson, who led the study. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Are airline's fat fares fair?



Pay-as-you-weigh airfares are unlikely to come to Canada because of human rights legislation and other legal issues. GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Pay-as-you-weigh. Samoa Air will charge passengers for baggage — and personal bulk

Samoa Air has become the first airline in the world to charge passengers by weight.

Instead of a flat rate per seat, the airline will charge passengers a fixed price per kilogram, with the cost varying depending on the route.

The pay-as-you-weigh system was announced on the airline's website. "We at Samoa Air are keeping airfares fair, by charging our passengers only for what they weigh. You are the master of your Air 'fair,' you decide how much (or little) your ticket will cost.

"No more exorbitant excess

### Passenger poundage

"Anyone who travels at times has felt they have been paying for half of the passenger next to them."

Chris Langton, CEO of Samoa Air

baggage fees, or being charged for baggage you may not carry. Your weight plus your baggage items, is what you pay for. Simple."

The airline posted the news on its Facebook page, getting mixed reaction. Some liked the idea, while Gus Crichton was among those who rejected such a plan. "What? I have to give up my body building career so I can get a cheaper fare? Fat chance," he wrote.

Another dissenter, Guvanch Meredov, called it "immoral and discriminating." Another suggested this policy is like asking people with bigger feet to pay extra for bigger shoes.

The airline's chief executive Chris Langton told ABC radio he believes it is the most equitable system for charging passengers. "This is the fairest way of travelling," he said. "The people who have been most pleasantly surprised are families because we don't charge on the seat requirement even though a child is required to have a seat. We just weigh them." Langton said a family with two adults and two mid-sized children will now be able to travel at less cost than before. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Telemarketing. CRTC fines firms for robocalls

### Who's exempt

- The CRTC's rules for robocalls do not apply to police and fire departments, schools and hospitals that are communicating a public-service message.
- Nor are registered political parties, nomination and leadership contestants or candidates barred from making robocalls.

Canada's telecommunications regulator has fined two companies over their telemarketing practices. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions both failed to get the consent of people they robocalled to promote their services.

The regulator's rules bar firms from using auto-diallers without the permission of the people being called. The CRTC fined Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance \$69,000 and Quick Connect Solutions \$11,000.

"We appreciate that Ontario Consumer Credit Assistance and Quick Connect Solutions fully co-operated with our in-

vestigation and committed to changing their telemarketing practices," CRTC chief compliance officer Andrea Rosen said in a statement. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Market Minute

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**TSX**  
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**OIL**  
\$97.19 US (+12¢)

**GOLD**  
\$1,575.90 US (-\$25)

## Facebook grouching never gets old

Has Facebook become less fun? That's something many users — especially those in their teens and early 20s — are asking themselves as they wade through endless posts, photos "liked" by people they barely know and spur-of-the-moment friend requests. Has it all become too much of a chore?

"When I first got Facebook I literally thought it was the

coolest thing to have. If you had a Facebook you kind of fit in better, because other people had one," says Rachel Fernandez, 18, who first signed on to the site four or five years ago. And now? "Facebook got kind of boring," she says.

Chatter about Facebook's demise never seems to die down, whether it's talk of "Facebook fatigue," or grouching about how the social

network lost its cool once grandma joined. The Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project recently found 61 per cent of users had taken a hiatus from the site for reasons ranging from "too much gossip and drama" to "boredom."

But so far, for every person who has left permanently, several new people have joined up. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Economic crisis

#### Cypriot finance minister resigns

Cypriot Finance Minister Michalis Sarris has resigned following the launch of an investigation into how the country's economy nearly collapsed last month. President Nicos Anastasiades has accepted Sarris's resignation. The minister has faced strong criticism for his handling of negotiations with Cyprus's creditors.

Earlier Tuesday, Anastasiades appointed a panel of three former supreme court judges to investigate the country's plunge to the verge of bankruptcy.

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### Online privacy

#### Google policy faces legal action in 6 EU countries

Google's new privacy policy is under legal attack from regulators in its largest European markets, who want the firm to overhaul practices they say let it create a data gold mine at the expense of unwitting users.

Led by the French, organizations in Britain, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and Italy agreed on the joint action, with the ultimate possibility of imposing fines or restrictions on operations across the entire 27-country European Union.

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### Record unemployment

#### Eurozone jobless rate hits 12%

The eurozone economy has passed another bleak milestone. Official figures show unemployment across the 17 European Union countries that use the euro has struck 12 per cent for the first time since the currency was launched in 1999.

Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, said the rate in February was unchanged at the record high after January's figure was revised up to 12 per cent from 11.9 per cent. Spain and Greece have mass unemployment and many other countries are seeing their numbers swell.

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# IT'S ALL COMING UP WIKI

There's a game I like to play with myself.  
No, not that game.

It's a game called "If I time-travelled to today from the year I was born, what about the future would most blow my mind?"

Never mind when I was born. You just need to know it was long ago and far away.

There are lots of candidates: the microwave oven, the smartphone, the car that parks itself, drones, ebooks, the International Space Station, will.i.am, The Bachelorette.

But how about Wikipedia?

All the knowledge of the world at your fingertips. Over 22 million articles in 285 languages, 4.2 million in English alone.

Wikipedia has only been around since 2001, and already it's solved the stupid dinner-party argument. Now, instead of a long, boring argument, there's a moment of silence as everyone (let's be honest, just the guys) finds the answer on Wikipedia.



**JUST SAYIN'**

**Paul Sullivan**

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While it takes all the fun out of being a know-it-all — now anyone can be a know-it-all — it cuts down on relationship wear and tear.

"I can't believe you allowed that fathead Charles to bait you like that. Just let it go. Who cares what the national bird of Argentina is?"

"I care. It's the Rufous Hornero."

That was then. Now, in the future, the Rufous Hornero and other contentious beasts are at your fingertips, in a Wikipedia article called National Animals.

They don't call it wiki ("quick" in Hawaiian) pedia (for "encyclopedia") for nothing.

As you probably know, Wikipedia is written and edited by mostly anonymous people who do it for nothing. They are constantly

working away on this global treasure, editing and updating the articles 24/7.

So far, there have been more than 600 million edits. Talk about a peer review. And April is contributors' month in Canada,

when Wikipedia nerds organize workshops designed to make articles better. Sign me up for the Rufous Hornero session.

Of course, Wikipedia has its detractors. Despite its strict policy of neutrality, some people think they see biases. But those are the people who see biases everywhere (See Wikipedia: Noam Chomsky). Others are concerned that relying on reliable sources breeds orthodoxy.

Imagine what they'd say if Wikipedia switched to unreliable sources.

In one lifetime, we've gone from a world where only a few wealthy nations had access to the world's knowledge, and even that required access to a good reference library. Now, instead of a library, all you need is a smartphone. Instead of a librarian telling you to shush! you can ask Wikipedia. Yell if you like.

This year it's expected that smartphones account for 70 per cent of the mobile-device market in the U.S. (Wikipedia: smartphone). I'm not sure what happens when all that knowledge gets around, as even a little learning is a dangerous thing.

There's another term for Wikipedia. It's called Pandora's Box. Look it up. You know where.

## ZOOM

### A canyon of colours

#### Photography art that's a snap

This image looks as if it was taken in a fantastical canyon on some alien planet. In truth, it's an amazing picture of Arizona's Antelope Canyon taken by amateur photographer Gregory Boratyn.

The 42-year-old software engineer from San Diego has shown the popular geological wonder in a new light thanks to clever use of photo software.

"First, I decided to make them monochrome," said Boratyn.

"The place in the summertime is quite cold, so instead of black and white I decided to go with blue and black to emphasize the coldness of the rock and the place itself. The colours of red, orange and blue are called complementary and they made the image more pleasant to human eyes, which was my intention."

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#### It lens itself to admiration

- Photography software used to enhance the canyon's textures: Nik Silver Efex Pro 2, Viveza 2, Adobe Photoshop CS6.



GREGORY BORATYN/REX FEATURES

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#### CDZA

Classical musicians woo new fans with cool experiments such as a piece based entirely on classic ringtones or a pop medley that showcases key changes. Occasional cross-dressing and sax-playing dinosaurs keep things lively. (cdzamusic.com)



#### Twitter

@metropicks asked: Did you know it takes a 22-km walk to burn off a Big Mac meal? What food would you walk 22 km for?

@MR\_BF7: That does not include the GREASE!

@JessicaSquibb: tub of coconut oil. Weird?

@bexbz: Literally nothing

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#### Comments

RE: Freezing Weather Wipes Out German Flea Circus, published March 31

A day early, folks a day early. Myworkisdonehere posted to metronews.ca

RE: Americans Furious Over Google's Easter 'Doodle', published March 31

Google is a business. They owe zero allegiance to ANY religion on ANY day of the year. (American here.) Koreginald posted to metronews.ca

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Ceremony

## Elton John and partner to be celebrated

Elton John and his long-time songwriting partner, Bernie Taupin, will be honoured at this year's Songwriters Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

John and Taupin, who teamed on most of the singer's best-known hits, will receive the Johnny Mercer Award during the June 13 ceremony in New York.



Elton John  
GETTY IMAGES

Video

## Leno and Fallon poke fun at Late Night rumours

Jay Leno and Jimmy Fallon poked fun at the late-night rumours swirling around them in a music video that aired between their back-to-back NBC shows Monday night.

In a spoof of the romantic ballad Tonight from West Side Story, Leno, who was backstage at the Tonight show on the West Coast, and Fallon, in his Late Night office in Manhattan, serenaded each other by cellphone.

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Jane Levy stars in the latest instalment of Evil Dead, which opens this weekend. HANDOUT

# What could go wrong at a remote cabin? Lots

**Horror films.** Evil Dead returns this weekend, bringing a fresh take on the genre that has seen lots of clueless, pretty people killed over the years

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Are there any more frightening words in a horror movie synopsis than "five friends head to a remote cabin?"

That phrase has been the starting point for many scary scripts, conjuring up visions of ancient evil life forms, dangerous hillbilly types, mysterious incantations and

lines like, "No matter what, we have to stay together."

The cabin-in-the-woods genre is decades old, but almost always follows the same formula: five good-looking teens, say, a jock, a stoner, some hot girls, one a brainiac, and a party girl go to a cabin, and only one or two make it home.

This weekend's Evil Dead shakes up the formula to an extent.

In it some handsome people head to an isolated cottage not to drink and party but to help Mia (Jane Levy) kick her addiction to drugs.

The details are different, but the outcome — and this isn't a spoiler, just a statement of fact — is the same and that's what we like about the genre.

The most well loved cabin

in the woods movies must be the first two Sam Raimi Evil Dead films.

The original, and name-sake of the series, was actually shot in a real life abandoned cottage.

In it five friends go to a cabin in the woods (sound familiar?), discover a Book of the Dead and unleash flesh-possessing demons.

It made a star of Bruce Campbell and led to a sequel, Evil Dead II, another cabin movie that is equal parts silly and scary.

Eli Roth made his directorial debut with Cabin Fever, a movie inspired by real life events.

The idea for a film about a group of friends in a (you guessed it!) cabin in the woods, tormented by a flesh-eating virus and homicidal

townsfolk, came to him as he worked on a horse farm.

"I was cleaning hay out of this barn and got this infection on my face," he says.

The rash got so bad that, "I went to shave and I literally shaved a third of my face off."

It hurt, but he looked at the bright side.

"I thought, 'This is actually going to make a great movie one day.'"

Sleepaway Camp — ignore the sequels, although the number two's title Unhappy Campers is pretty great — sets the action at a summer camp.

This gory slasher flick is most notable for a wild twist ending that has been called a "jaw-dropping, tape-rewinding, pause-and-stare-and-call-your-friends-over-to-stare" moment.

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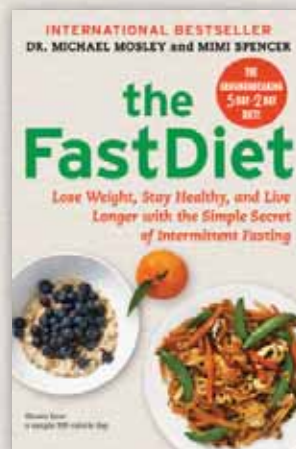
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# The search for the real Charlotte

**Music.** You probably remember her as the classical music kid, but she's all grown up now

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By age 21, Charlotte Church had dazzled everyone from the pope to the president, earning legions of fans with her angelic, operatic voice. But forever being known as a classical artist wasn't what she wanted for herself.

"It's a beautiful art form, but I just sort of found it limiting," says the Welsh singer-songwriter,

now 27, who just debuted *One & Two*, two EPs that are her first U.S. releases in more than a decade. "I just wanted to express (myself) in a different way and after a while, singing somebody else's music, I found it dull."

*One & Two* isn't Church's first crossover attempt, but it's the first one she truly believes

in. She calls an earlier pop album of hers "a really s— album, a throwaway, commercial album," and says that it took so long for her to make a return to the States because "I just never felt like it was right and I never felt like I had anything really good that I really wanted to push."

During her time out of the

U.S. spotlight, she had two kids, hosted a sketch television show in the U.K. and was a victim of Britain's phone-hacking scandal. She calls the renewed attention on her music, as opposed to her personal life, "incredibly liberating."

Church admits that reframing people's opinions of her and the type of music she performs "has been pretty challenging."

"It's sort of a good thing because I think that a lot of people have a lot of affection for me and my music when I was little. And, I don't know, especially over here because I've been famous for such a long time, you (become) some distant family member, or like a character in a long-running show," she says. "So it's really sweet and I do often hear, 'Oh, you should go back to classical music' but I don't know, I feel like I've sort of done that."

Church wrote and self-released *One & Two* on her own label, Alligator Wine. The music's haunting, gothic beat evokes the sounds of Radiohead, Bjork and LCD Soundsystem. But Church says the heaviness of her new sound shouldn't be taken at face value.

"Even if you are in a happy relationship — and I've got

## No strings attached

Just because Church is a singer with TV experience doesn't mean she's holding out hope for a spot at the X Factor judges' table.

"I'd rather poke my eye out with a sharp stick," she says. "I don't agree with shows like that. It's the wrong way to look for new talent and I also think it's terribly exploitative of young people ... Everybody has an opinion and you have to be strong — and I don't think that everybody is. It's also just a weird thing to go through, to get your success via that. And all the sort of heartfelt stories that you have on everybody, it's just — you can just see the strings, you know what I mean?"

two beautiful children — there are still certain times when life sucks," she says. "We have a masterfully complex range of emotions, and I think even though a lot of the stuff on both EPs is kind of dark, the one thing that I sort of always aim for is ... some sound of hopefulness."

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Charlotte Church's latest release has a gothic feel reminiscent of Radiohead, Bjork and LCD Soundsystem. GETTY IMAGE





Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Lohan gets in on the April Fools' Day pranks

Lindsay Lohan made a very last-minute decision to continue her adventures in Brazil this week, making her way to the São Paulo airport for a flight back to New York only to opt out of getting on the plane, according to E! News.

While her manager took the flight as planned, Lohan reportedly checked herself into the Émiliano Hotel alone with a female friend.

"She's staying on her own dime," a source says. "She is staying against everyone's

advice."

Lohan's promotional trip to Brazil for a denim company was to be followed by a quick trip to NYC before heading to L.A. for the Coachella Music Festival and then 90 days of court-ordered rehab.

The extended vacation also gave Lohan a chance to get in on the fun of pulling an April Fools' prank on her Twitter followers, posting, "It's official. Pregnant..." and drawing a flood of shocked reactions.



Olivier Martinez

## Olivier Martinez gets into fight with photogs

Halle Berry and fiancé Olivier Martinez had a pretty rough homecoming after their Hawaiian vacation when Martinez got into a bit of a scuffle with paparazzi outside LAX, according to TMZ.

Martinez allegedly kicked a photographer in the leg and wrist as he, Berry and Berry's daughter, Nahla, at-

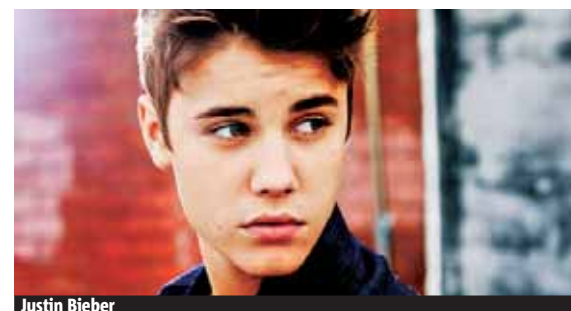
tempted to exit the airport, with Berry reportedly imploring the swarm of shutterbugs, "Get away, there's a child."

Once Nahla was safely in their waiting SUV, Martinez reportedly stormed back to kick the photographer again before being pulled away by Berry.

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

### The Word



Justin Bieber

## Justin Bieber's pals living it up at his place

It turns out Justin Bieber doesn't even have to be home to show his friends a good time.

According to E! News, about four male pals have been crashing at Bieber's L.A. area home and throwing some pretty raucous parties in his absence, and the neighbours are taking notice.

"The music is loud and everything, but where it is, the

homes are so spread apart and so big, so I don't know how they would be able to hear," a source says. "They probably complain because when people come up, there are like 20 cars. That was a crazy party. We were just drinking and doing our thing."

The house guests living it up while Bieber continues his tour include rappers Lil Twist and King Kevi.



John Mayer

## Mayer declines to discuss relationship

John Mayer seems to have turned over a new leaf when it comes to dishing on ex-girlfriends, as in a recent interview with Ellen DeGeneres he did not rise to her attempts to discuss his recent split from Katy Perry.

"It was a very private relationship going in, it was a private relationship during and it's a private relation-

ship still," Mayer said. "I can understand asking the question based on some previous answers I have given, but I have finally learned how to put the wall between one thing and the other."

The best DeGeneres could glean from the singer was a rather vague, "I'm on the same journey as everyone else."

## What's lower than scamming kids with cancer?



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Oh man. This is not good. I mean, in the spectrum of "not good things," this ranks pretty much at the top: Lamar Odom and wife Khloe Kardashian's charity for kids with cancer looks like a scam.

That's right, they are fleecing kids with cancer.

The only thing worse than scamming kids with cancer? Scamming kids with AIDS. That's it. There's nothing worse. (OK, maybe scamming orphans with AIDS and/or cancer, but that's really it.)

A new report by ESPN (and this marks the first

time ESPN has been mentioned in this column) says that Odom's charity, Cathy's Kids, which started in 2004 in honour of Odom's mother who died from stomach cancer, has raised \$2.2 million, but not one cent has gone to cancer-related causes.

Instead, it seems like the money has gone to two things: the charity's executive, Jerry DeGregorio, who happened to be the best man in Kardashian's and Odom's wedding, and two elite youth basketball travel teams. It's important to note that none of the kids in the "elite basketball team" seem to be battling cancer in between games.

When approached by ESPN, Odom brushed off the allegations with, "It's my money."

Actually, if you raise \$2.2 million by having people donate their cash to help children with cancer, it's not your money. I swear. Do I have to go to Hollywood myself to teach these people how to act?

### Twitter



@BryanSinger

I can finally announce @ladygaga is joining #XMen #DaysofFuturePast as Dazzler. One of my all-time favorite characters. Can't wait!



@ActuallyNPH

My b'day is 6/15. @Davidburtka threw a surprise party for me on Saturday -blown away. I'm now on some lengthy treasure hunt that is unreal!



@lenadunham

Sad day. Realized I'm old enough that my go-to April Fools "I'm Pregnant!" is no longer that disturbing





Tourists enjoy the rays on the Maho beach near Princess Juliana International Airport. ISTOCK

# St. Maarten — the place to sip, shop and sun yourself

**Island time.** Pristine beaches, frosty rum drinks and plenty of shopping make this the place of cubicle dreams

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St. Maarten, a 60-square-kilometre island, boasts beach after beach, most framed by mountains. And these many waterfronts are put to good use with bars plopped on the water and multiple marinas. St. Maarten fulfils cubicle fantasies: crisp white sailboats against azure waters, fresh and flavourful



Philipsburg is a must-visit site for shopaholics. ISTOCK

seafood and imaginative rum drinks. But the island, which is half Dutch and half French, also has a bonanza of different cultures, shown by more than 360 restaurants in surprising variety. So whether you're stopping over before sailing on to nearby St. Barths or St. Kitts

or staying for a while, here's where to shop, sip and sun.

**For filling your suitcase** Philipsburg, the capital on the Dutch side, is a must-visit for the island's legendary duty-free shopping. Stroll along the winding narrow

roads and pop into the numerous jewelry and watch stores. Also a must-see? The Guavaberry Emporium, built in an old cedar house, where you can sample not only the berry liqueur but also a guava colada. The fruit has a mild, unusual sweetness. This shop is also a great place to pick up gifts, like rum bottles with colourful hand-painted sunsets and parrots.

**For Caribbean blue skies and seas** Sailing aficionados should schedule their visit during the annual Heineken Regatta, where sailboats race around the island, creating picture-perfect views of colourful, billowing sails dotting royal-blue water. The

event promises "serious fun" with parties every night, visitors and locals dancing the night away in flip flops on the sand. Even if you can't sail, make sure to get out on the water — the ocean is so clear, if you jump in, you can see your toes. Even that doesn't impress locals — clear to them means seeing the bottom.

## Where to stay

The Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino, undergoing a \$3 million renovation, is ideal for travellers who want a sea breeze and tropical drink 10 minutes after landing. The hotel is within walking distance to multiple restaurants, although it is all-inclusive, covering all your meals and rum punches.



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## Travel tips

## Looking for adventure?



**ON THE MOVE**  
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Nervous to go on an adventure holiday? I would never describe myself as an adrenaline junkie, but on a recent trip to New Zealand I crawled around darkened caves lit only by fluorescent worms, jumped 15,000 feet out of a plane, swam with dolphins in the wild ... and loved it.

As evidenced by my experience, it's not necessary to be a macho 20-something guy to go on an adventure holiday. In fact, the majority of travellers with adventure travel companies are actually women who are of an average age of 38 (though there are many in their 60s or older).

Another misconception is that you must be fighting fit, as you will be cycling the Kalahari Desert or snowshoeing to the North Pole. On the contrary, if you push

yourself, even a little, outside of your regular comfort zone you are a certified adventure traveller! It could be a walking tour of Tuscany or making wine in South Africa. Additionally, it is not mandatory to go off the grid and be away for a month to be credible. Many itineraries are as short as 24 to 48 hours and make for a great mini-break from your daily routine or can be stitched into a longer holiday. If your interest is piqued, there are a few things to bear in mind as you weave some adventure into your next vacation:

-Be realistic about your fitness level.

-Go outside your comfort zone but don't freak yourself out.

-Be flexible. It is hard to plan every detail, so expect the unexpected especially when it comes to the weather.

-Read all waivers before signing and ensure you are properly protected.

-Always go with trained and properly certified professionals. Look for an official endorsement on the company's website.



Inject a little adventure in your holiday. PETER REMUS

## Room with a view. Prague TV tower boasts unique hotel option

A tall television tower in the Czech capital of Prague that has been called one of the world's ugliest buildings has a new and unique attraction, a one-room hotel looking out on the city from 70 metres above ground.

But some might argue the best thing about the view is that you don't have to look at the tower itself. The tower, which stands 216 metres tall, is a dominant but controversial landmark of the city skyline.

Prague is sometimes called the city of 100 spires, but the tower stands out amid the picturesque cityscape of centuries-old churches and other historic sites. It's the city's tallest building, at the equivalent of about 70 stories high, and it was a despised symbol of the communist regime that started building it in 1985. Locals have gradually come to accept it since its completion in 1992, but a 2009 international survey placed it second among the ugliest buildings in the world.

The tower already features



The Zizkov TV tower in Prague.  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

a restaurant and observation deck offering a breathtaking view of the city, but a recent, thorough renovation of the spire added the hotel room.

The room is considered so luxurious that it's being advertised as six stars. It opened Feb. 13 and is available for \$1,300 a night. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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# Rich flavours from roasted acorn squash team up with maple syrup

1. Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. Brush cut side of squash with maple syrup and place cut side down on a baking sheet lightly coated with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Bake 45 minutes or until tender. Allow to cool, then scrape out the squash flesh and set aside.

3. In a 4-litre (4-quart) saucepan, heat remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, carrot and apple. Cook for 5 minutes, then reduce heat to low and cover. Simmer, stirring occasionally, for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft.

4. Add the cooked squash, 1 litre (4 cups) broth, thyme, and nutmeg. Simmer for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.

5. Once the mixture has

## Ingredients

- 2 acorn squash, halved and seeded
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) maple syrup
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 small Granny Smith apple, peeled and chopped
- 1 l (4 cups) chicken broth, plus 250 ml (1 cup) for thinning
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground thyme
- Pinch of nutmeg
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) fresh lemon juice
- Diced apple and fresh chives for garnish

## Roasted Acorn Squash Soup



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

cooled, blend (in two batches) in food processor or blender until smooth.

Reheat soup and season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Stir in fresh

lemon juice and add more broth if soup is too thick. Garnish with apple and

chives.

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## Drink of the Week

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- 1.5 oz Belvedere Vodka
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- 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice
- 3 dashes lavender bitters
- 1/4 oz egg white
- Soda top

Dry shake ingredients then shake with ice and fine strain into a highball glass. Top with soda. Garnish with a lavender stalk.

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# Traditional Italian dessert gets unique Canadian twist

Tiramisu becomes Maple Tiramisu in this Canadian version of the Italian favourite. Because it can be made ahead, it's perfect to serve it at your next dinner party.

1. In a bowl, mix together the espresso and 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the maple syrup,

then add the liqueur and dried fruit. Set aside.

2. In bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form.

3. In another large bowl, beat the mascarpone, egg yolks, vanilla and remain-

ing maple syrup. Then, carefully fold into the egg whites using a spatula.

4. Place 6 cookies in the bottom of a 3-l (12-cup) glass dish, then pour half of the dried fruit and coffee mixture evenly over the top. Sprinkle half of the nuts

and spread half the mascarpone filling on top. Repeat to create a second layer.

5. Refrigerate at least 6 hours, then sprinkle with cocoa and maple sugar before serving. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FEDERATION OF QUEBEC MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCERS

## Dinner. Maple Salmon Fillet with Chives

1. Preheat barbecue or grill on medium heat.

2. Cut salmon fillet into 4 equal parts.

3. In a bowl, combine chives, garlic, olive oil, maple syrup, soy sauce and lemon juice. Season well with salt and pepper. Baste salmon with marinade and refrigerate for 15 minutes, then grill for 4 minutes on each side (or until desired doneness).

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## Ingredients

- 1 680-g (1 1/2 -lb) salmon fillet
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chives
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) olive oil
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) maple syrup
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) soy sauce
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt and pepper, to taste

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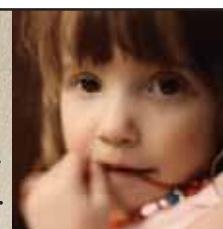
This recipe serves 12. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

## Ingredients

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) hot espresso coffee
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) maple syrup
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) liqueur (such as Triple Sec)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) raisins
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cranberries
- 6 eggs, separated
- 2 475-g tubs of mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla extract
- 12 ladyfinger cookies, broken in half
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) walnuts, grilled and chopped (optional)
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) cocoa powder
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) maple sugar

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# Not all interviews created equal

## So what's your type?

Whether it's in-person, in a group or on the phone, you'll know how to impress with these insider tips

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So you've done the hard work of sending in your application for that dream internship, perfecting your resumé, creating that awesome cover letter, sending in your transcript. And you've been chosen for an interview. Yay!

Now comes the time to prepare and brush up on your interview skills.

One of the things you need to consider is what type of interview it is?

Read below for the three main types of interviews to see what employers are looking for in each type and what you can do to ace the interview.

### One-on-one interview

This is the most common type.

#### What the employer is seeking

It involves you and the interviewer having a one-on-one chat about why you've applied for the position, discussing your qualifications and past experiences and assessing your skills to see if you are a good fit for the employer.

#### What you should do

- Always bring a copy of your resumé with you to the interview and know what is on your resumé inside and out.

### Study up!

Regardless of what type of interview it is, the key to acing it is practise, practise, practise!

- Consider checking in with your school's career service department to see if they offer mock interview, resumé critiques, and other interview help.

- When the interviewer asks you questions, you will need to refer to specific examples from your resumé

and highlight what skills and strengths you developed from those experiences, as well as both the positive and negative aspects of your previous employment and how you dealt with them.

- You will also use your past experiences to talk about a weakness you may have, but make sure to emphasize how you are working to improve on those weaknesses.

### Group Interview

This involves you and a few other job seekers who have applied for the same position or department as you. The employer will interview all

of you simultaneously to see if you would work well in a team environment with your co-workers.

#### What the employer is seeking

- In this type of interview, the employer wants to assess your ability to work as part of a team by seeing you in action.
- The employer will judge you based on how you well you interact with the other applicants and your contributions to the interview discussion.

#### What you should do:

- Greet the other applicants and introduce yourself.
- Don't interrupt other ap-

plicants when they're talking but feel free to contribute to others' answers.

- Know what your own personal strength is when working in a team, and showcase that role well.

### Telephone Interview

Based on your availability and time or location constraints, the employer may decide to interview you on the phone.

#### What the employer is seeking

- The employer will want to hear a clear, vibrant voice.
- He/she will be testing your ability to think on the spot

and articulate your answers.

#### What you should do

- Firstly, schedule a phone call for a time when you know you for sure that you will be available.
- Again, have your resumé in front of you so that you can be ready to answer questions.
- Don't rush your answers, but instead take the time to form clear responses.
- Keep a calendar/agenda handy, so that you can take down important notes.

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'We have a job to do'

## Olympiques captain hopes for upset against his hometown club

Taylor Burke is excited about returning home to face the Halifax Mooseheads. But don't think he'll be distracted by the hoopla.

The 18-year-old captain of the Gatineau Olympiques is preparing for a dog fight against the Mooseheads come Friday when the teams clash in their second-round playoff opener.

"We have a job to do and we're going to go out and do that," said Burke, who is from Halifax and played major midget hockey in Cole Harbour. "We know Halifax has a great team. We know what to expect."

Burke admits his team is a confident lot coming off an upset series victory over the Rimouski Oceanic, who finished with the fourth-best record during the regular season.

Still, he and his teammates, including Kelly Bent of Halifax, are approaching the Mooseheads series the same as the previous one.

"For us we just keep it simple," Burke said. "Our goaltending was great, our defence was solid. That's what allowed us to be successful. Everyone was pretty excited about the win. We believed in ourselves and we showed it on the ice."

He said being the overwhelming underdog against the Mooseheads just provides more motivation.

For Burke it's been a breakout season after struggling with injuries the past two years. In his first year as team captain he says he's hit his stride and is playing with lots of confidence.

He's aiming to keep progressing and ultimately play pro. But for now he's zeroing in on the task at hand.

"It's about this series. I want to keep it simple, play good defensively, take care of defence first and worry about everything else after."

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO



Taylor Burke HANDOUT



Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis is looking to make his home province of New Brunswick proud in this year's playoffs. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# More than Halifax cheering for Moose

**QMJHL.** Herd suddenly region's only hope for a fourth straight President's Cup



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Andrew Ryan has plenty of fans back home in Newfoundland cheering him on.

In fact, the forward spent part of Tuesday afternoon talking to a reporter from his hometown inquiring about what it's like playing for the powerhouse Halifax Mooseheads.

"I've got a few fans back home, quite a few buddies," Ryan, 20, said with a laugh. "My parents and grandparents have

watched every one of our playoff games so far."

Interesting fact: Every Atlantic Canadian province is represented on the Herd's roster.

Being one of the few Newfoundlanders playing in the Q, Ryan counts himself fortunate, especially being a key contributor on the Canadian Hockey League's No. 1 ranked team.

He's hoping to do his homeland proud by winning a championship.

"It's a big lot to have on my shoulders, but I'll do my best," he said.

Maritime-wise, now that the Moncton Wildcats and Prince Edward Island Rocket are eliminated from the playoffs, the Mooseheads are the sole QM-JHL team from New Brunswick, P.E.I. and Nova Scotia left stand-

Quoted



"Everyone at home is getting more and more

excited as we get toward the end."

Andrew Ryan on fans of the Halifax Mooseheads in his hometown

ing in the post-season.

Mooseheads co-captain and New Brunswick native Trey Lewis said he's proud to represent his home province in his quest for a President's Cup.

If that happens, he added, it would only serve to bolster hockey culture in a region in

which the QMJHL championship has been won over the last three consecutive years (Saint John in 2012 and 2011 and Moncton in 2010).

"It only serves to encourage more growth, especially among younger hockey players in the area that have something to aspire to," said Lewis.

"I think we can keep that tradition going because I know we have all the tools that those teams had."

For Mooseheads forward Darcy Ashley, who hails from P.E.I., he likes the novelty of being the team of the Maritimes. But it's not something he's dwelling on.

"It's definitely kind of cool, but right now we're just focused on beating whoever comes our way," he said.

## Mooseheads. Halifax-Gatineau schedule finalized

The Halifax Mooseheads and Gatineau Olympiques second-round best-of-seven playoff schedule was announced in full by the QM-JHL on Tuesday.

Games 1 and 2 will be held at the Metro Centre on Friday and Saturday

at 7 p.m.

The series will then shift to Gatineau for Games 3, 4, and 5, if necessary, which are scheduled for April 9, 10 and 12 at 8:30 p.m.

The remaining two games would be played in Halifax on April 14 and 15

at 7 p.m.

The remaining playoff matches will see Baie-Comeau match up against Victoriaville, Blainville-Boisbriand versus Val-d'Or, and Rouyn-Noranda against Quebec.

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

On sale

Tickets for Game 1 and 2 between the Mooseheads and Olympiques go on sale to the general public Wednesday starting at 10 a.m.

4 SPORTS



Cleveland shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera rounds the bases after hitting a fifth-inning homer off Jays starter R.A. Dickey.  
NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Blue Jays off-kilter to open new era

**MLB.** Revamped Toronto club gets off to slow start as Cleveland spoils opening-day festivities

The Rogers Centre was sold out and R.A. Dickey's knuckleball was dancing.

All the ingredients seemed to be present under the dome for an opening-day launch befitting the retooled Blue Jays.

But Cleveland pitcher Justin Masterson kept the Jays bats in check and shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera made key plays on defence and offence as the Indians spoiled Dickey's Toronto debut with a 4-1 win before a crowd of 48,857 on Tuesday night.

"I know they're all disappointed," Toronto manager John Gibbons said of the fans.

On Tuesday

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Indians

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Blue Jays

"We're not. That's part of baseball. We just got outplayed tonight. But they'll be back. We've got a good ball club. They'll be back. They'll have a fun, entertaining year this year, I believe."

Still the loss may be a splash of cold water on the face of Toronto fans already planning a championship parade given the extensive, expensive roster remake over the winter. Cleveland planted a few seeds of reality under the dome but there is still plenty of time for the Jays to harvest wins.

Cabrera hit a two-run homer for the Indians, who took advantage of some early passed balls as Dickey's fledgling partnership with catcher J.P. Arencibia showed some teething problems.

Dickey (0-1) went six innings in his first opening-day start, giving up four runs (three earned) on five hits with four strikeouts, four walks and a wild pitch. He threw 104 pitches, including 60 strikes.

"Tonight was a real special night for me," Dickey said. "Sure, because it was an opening night, but the welcome I got from the fans was borderline supernatural. I mean it was pretty awesome. And again, deep down you want so badly to give them a great show and you want to entertain them and you want to pitch a one-hitter and all of that."

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## NHL

### Sabres sever Penguins streak

The Pittsburgh Penguins' run at a record-breaking streak is over. Playing without injured Sidney Crosby, the Penguins fell to the Buffalo Sabres 4-1 to end their 15-game winning streak on Tuesday. The NHL record of 17 straight wins was set by the 1992-93 Penguins. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## NHL

### Stars ship Jagr, Roy out of Dallas

The Dallas Stars are really rebuilding for the future now.

Dallas on Tuesday traded 41-year-old Jaromir Jagr to Boston and sent surging centre Derek Roy to Vancouver. That came just over a week after captain Brenden Morrow was dealt

to Pittsburgh.

The latest moves came a day after a 4-0 loss to Anaheim.

Dallas got two young prospects and a conditional second-round pick from Boston, and a 23-year-old defenceman and a second-round pick from Vancouver.

The Stars now have nine picks in this summer's draft.

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## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	58	15	.784	—
x-New York	47	26	.644	10½
x-Indiana	48	27	.640	10½
x-Brooklyn	42	31	.575	15½
x-Atlanta	42	33	.560	16½
x-Chicago	40	33	.548	17½
Boston	38	36	.514	20
Milwaukee	36	37	.493	21½
Philadelphia	30	43	.411	27½
Washington	28	46	.378	30
Toronto	27	47	.365	31
Detroit	25	50	.333	33½
Cleveland	22	51	.301	35½
Orlando	19	56	.253	39½
Charlotte	17	57	.230	41

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	55	19	.743	—
x-Oklahoma City	54	20	.730	1
x-Denver	50	24	.676	5
x-L.A. Clippers	49	26	.653	6½
x-Memphis	50	24	.676	5
Golden State	42	32	.568	13
Houston	41	33	.554	14
Utah	39	36	.520	16½
L.A. Lakers	38	36	.514	17
Dallas	36	37	.493	18½
Portland	33	41	.446	22
Minnesota	27	46	.370	27½
Sacramento	27	47	.365	28
New Orleans	26	48	.351	29
Phoenix	23	51	.311	32

x — clinched playoff berth; z — clinched conference.

### Tuesday's results

Washington 90 Chicago 86  
New York 102 Miami 90  
Dallas at L.A. Lakers

### Wednesday's games

#### All times Eastern

Brooklyn at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
New York at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Houston at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Pittsburgh	37	28	9	0	0	124	88	56
d-Montreal	35	23	7	3	2	111	84	51
d-Winnipeg	38	18	18	0	2	93	115	38
Boston	35	23	8	2	2	100	77	50
Toronto	36	20	12	0	4	112	100	44
Ottawa	36	19	11	2	4	91	79	44
New Jersey	36	15	12	3	6	89	100	39
NY Islanders	37	18	16	3	0	108	115	39
NY Rangers	35	17	15	0	3	82	86	37
Washington	36	17	17	2	0	107	104	36
Carolina	35	16	17	1	1	96	106	34
Buffalo	37	14	17	2	4	98	114	34
Philadelphia	35	15	17	1	2	95	108	33
Tampa Bay	35	15	18	0	2	113	106	32
Florida	37	12	19	5	1	91	127	30

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
d-Chicago	35	27	5	0	3	119	76	57
d-Anaheim	36	24	7	2	3	111	90	53
d-Minnesota	35	21	12	1	1	98	90	44
Vancouver	36	19	11	1	5	94	93	44
Los Angeles	35	20	12	1	2	103	88	43
San Jose	35	18	11	3	3	88	86	42
Detroit	36	18	13	3	2	94	94	41
St. Louis	34	18	14	1	1	98	94	38
Nashville	37	15	14	2	6	92	100	38
Edmonton	35	15	13	4	3	91	96	37
Columbus	36	15	14	3	4	87	97	37
Dallas	35	16	16	2	1	94	107	35
Phoenix	35	14	15	2	4	94	101	34
Calgary	34	13	17	1	3	94	118	30
Colorado	36	12	20	3	1	87	114	28

d — division leader. **Note** — division leaders ranked in top 3 positions per conference regardless of points; team winning in overtime or shootout gets 2 pts & a win in the W column; team losing in overtime or shootout gets 1 pt in OTL or SOL columns.

### Tuesday's results

NY Islanders 5 Winnipeg 2  
Boston 3 Ottawa 2  
Florida 3 Tampa Bay 2 (SO)  
Washington 5 Carolina 3  
Buffalo 4 Pittsburgh 1  
Nashville 3 Colorado 1  
Los Angeles at Phoenix

### Wednesday's games — All times Eastern

Montreal at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.  
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.  
Minnesota at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
<b>Toronto</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.000</b>	<b>1</b>
Tampa Bay	0	1	.000	1
New York	0	1	.000	1
CENTRAL DIVISION				
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1
WEST DIVISION				
Los Angeles	1	0	1.000	—
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	1	1	.500	½
Texas	1	1	.500	½
Oakland	0	1	.000	1

### Tuesday's results

Cleveland 4 Toronto 1  
Texas 7 Houston 0  
Baltimore 7 Tampa Bay 4  
Seattle at Oakland  
**Wednesday's games — All times Eastern**  
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.  
Texas at Houston, 2:10 p.m.  
Detroit at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.  
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Tuesday's results**  
Colorado 8 Milwaukee 4  
St. Louis at Arizona  
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers  
**Wednesday's games — All times Eastern**  
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Miami at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.  
Colorado at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
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San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

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# Simple yet stylish 2013 Honda CR-Z



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**Review.** If there's a standup in the Honda's 2013 lineup, it's the CR-Z, but not for the reasons you might expect

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When it comes to the 2013 Honda CR-Z, the car's true purpose remains masked by its contradictions, even after receiving a modest makeover and powertrain upgrade.

Visually, the car appears as sporty as all get out and a modern interpretation of the cute little CRX buzz-bomb of the 1980s and early '90s. That Civic-based two-seater was the ideal dance partner for drivers of modest means who wanted something that was light on its feet, looked cool and could perform magic zipping around

town or over twisty highways.

Honda envisions a significantly different role for the CR-Z, however, one that blends modest performance with an equally modest attempt at eco-friendliness with its gasoline-electric hybrid power system.

The result is a pretty decent (and attractive) commuter vehicle, but it's ultimately a car that won't set the hearts of sports-car fans aflutter. Like a timid swimmer, the CR-Z only sticks its big toe into the automotive mainstream, something that anyone wishing to avoid the sameness of your typical econo-box should find appealing.

The CR-Z comes with a selectable "3-Mode Drive System" with Sport, Normal and Econ settings to allow the driver a choice of efficiencies in operating performance and fuel consumption. Added for 2013 is a unique Plus Sport System. Provided the battery has at least a 50 per cent charge, pushing the "S+" button on the steering



The simple but effective dash/control panel layout is a carryover from the last model.

wheel while accelerating produces an extra boost of power that lasts for up to five seconds, regardless of which of the three drive-system modes you're in.

Fuel economy should be close to the 2012 model's 6.5/5.3 (l/100 km) city/highway numbers, however better results can be achieved with the CVT option that should top out at about 5.6/5.0 city/highway. Other manufacturer's hybrids can do better, but most cost more than the CR-Z's estimated \$24,500 asking price, which includes destination charges.

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count on all of the usual and expected comfort features, along with ambient console lighting, high-intensity discharge headlights and a 360-watt premium audio system. Heated leather seats and a navigation system with rear-view camera are available with the Premium Package.

Otherwise the CR-Z's advantages appear to outweigh its drawbacks. The car's sharp styling, comfortable cabin and extra-roomy and versatile cargo area are not-to-be-overlooked virtues that make it an ideal touring car for two.

## By comparison



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# Subaru's 'boxer' engine all about balance

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To most people, a boxer is someone who makes his living in the ring. But there's another definition in the automotive world — it's a type of engine, and the only kind you'll find in a Subaru vehicle.

"It's also called a horizontally opposed or flat engine," says Ted Lalka, vice-president of product planning and marketing for Subaru Canada.

"They tend to be compact and lightweight, and they produce a fair amount of power to weight. They're still used in aviation for those reasons, and our company has a background in the aircraft industry, so we developed an expertise in these types of engines."

Subaru's boxer engine. CONTRIBUTED

The heart of an engine is a large, heavy shaft called the crankshaft. It's attached to pistons, which slide inside cylinders when they're powered by the exploding force of gasoline that's been detonated by the spark plugs. The pistons turn the crankshaft, and its spinning motion is what ultimately turns the car's wheels.

It's similar to the way your legs move up and down to turn the pedals on a bicycle, with that power used to turn the wheels.

On most engines, the pistons are above the crankshaft, either in a straight line (called an inline engine, the most common configuration for four-cylinder engines), or

slanted in two banks, forming a V that gives V6 and V8 engines their names. But on a boxer engine, the four or six pistons lie flat on either side of the crankshaft, where they move horizontally in their cylinders to provide power.

A boxer engine isn't as tall as a regular engine, which helps to lower the vehicle's

centre of gravity. This improves handling and stability.

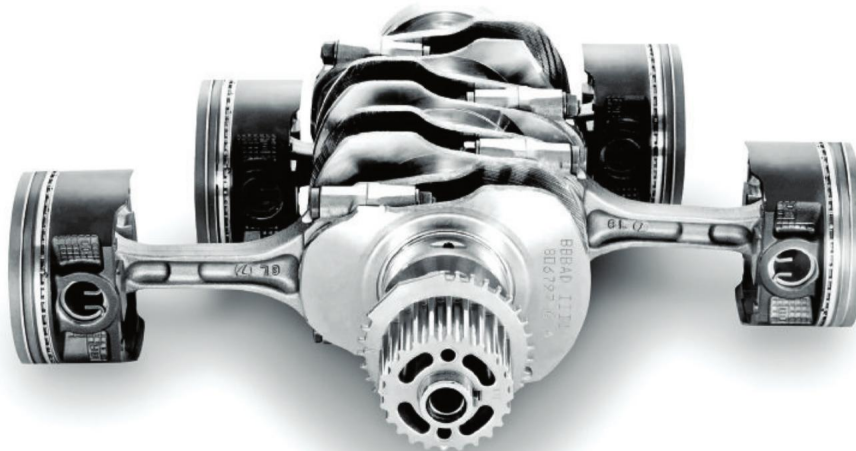
"With the boxer engine, it has very good balance between the left and right side, so the vehicle handles in a very predictable manner," Lalka says. "In addition, it makes servicing the vehicle easy. A lot of the components can be placed on top of

the engine, so the alternator, water pump, and even the oil filter are right on top where they're easier to reach."

Several companies have used the boxer engine design over the years. Porsche currently uses it in the 911, Boxster and Cayman. Other cars that have used it in the past include the Chevrolet Corvair and original Volkswagen Beetle.

## A different type of engine

- The boxer engine is part of Subaru's "symmetrical" all-wheel drive configuration, in which all driveline components are aligned on the car's north-south axis for better balance.
- It's believed that horizontally opposed engines got the name "boxer" because the piston movement looks like boxers jabbing at each other.



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# Not the same old song and dance

**Auto Pilot.** The web is changing how we buy cars and dealers are finally catching on



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Back in pioneer times, before coffee went grande latte, TV went reality and information went digital, the car buying process at a dealership had a distinctly operatic feel.

It took way too long — in some cases, four hours plus. The drama seemed forced. Too many characters kept showing up — particularly that general sales manager

guy who didn't talk much but had to have a hand in everything.

Fast forward to these modern times and now customers have access to the Internet.

According to the 2011 Google Automotive Shopping Behaviour Study, customers spend up to eight hours researching their purchase.

So now, when we show up at the dealership, we're much further along in the process. Often times we've already decided on the make and model and trim line. We're just there to get the vehicle at a fair price, and get the heck out of there.

But no ... The salesperson insists you take your place on stage, for the full four-hour performance.

Take heart, however, that many enlightened automakers and dealers are very aware of this disconnect and have reshaped, or are in the process of reshaping, the sales process to better serve the Internet-savvy customer.

Toyota Canada has rolled out a special version of its already customer-friendly sales process, designed specifically for customers who don't want or need guidance about vehicle selection.

And Lincoln Concierge, which launches in Canada later this year, will see real live Lincoln people interacting with customers as they go through their online research. When the customer is ready for the dealership step, the Lincoln Concierge will facilitate the transition.

"The customer obviously has to agree to the passing of the information," says Peter Jansen, Lincoln Canada's national sales manager. But if they do, he adds, the customer will be rewarded with a "better first introduction" to the dealership world. For example, dealership staff will already know the customer's name, profile and vehicle choice, and know they are a customer seeking an "expedient" transaction

experience.

One of the more proactive dealers in Canada is the Trotman Automotive Group (TAG) in B.C. The main elements of the Trotman's express lane are that customers get pre-approved for financing, and get monthly payment ranges and pricing information at the start of the process. To save time, the used car manager will offer to appraise the customer's trade while they are test-driving the new vehicle.

"This is all information customers need to make a good decision, so let's acknowledge that and provide it to them proactively," says TAG president Mike Trotman.

The sales manager is still involved, but introduces himself or herself early, and tries to be a force for quickness, rather than a force for stretching it out. Trotman figures the process shaves half to two-thirds off the time of a conventional one.

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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS

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- and -  
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PROPERTY:  
ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Halifax County, Nova Scotia, and known as Civic No. 200 Heselton Drive, Ostrea Lake, Nova Scotia, property identification number 41332529 and described in a Mortgage dated May 19, 2011 and registered at the Halifax County Land Registration Office as Document No. 98538367.  
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This property has been migrated pursuant to the *Land Registration Act*  
A copy of the description of the property, as contained in the mortgage foreclosed, is on file at the Sheriff's office and may be inspected during business hours.  
DATE OF SALE: Friday, April 5, 2013  
TIME OF SALE: 12:30 p.m.  
PLACE OF SALE: Halifax Justice Centre, 1815 Upper Water Street, Nova Scotia  
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## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Do whatever it takes to make an impression on people in positions of power. With your drive and determination you can and you must find ways to get yourself noticed.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Forget about the negative things in your life — the bills, the quarrels, etc. — and focus on your dreams. The planets indicate that at least one of those dreams will come true over the next few weeks.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you need to improve your financial situation then it's time to make that big move from the planning stage to the doing stage. You know what changes need to be made, so get on with it and make them.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Changes seem to be coming quickly at the moment and it may all be getting a bit too much for you. Calm down, make yourself a nice cup of tea and let the planets work their magic. You'll be OK.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

It seems you have your fingers in too many pies at the moment and there is a serious possibility they could get burned. Maybe it's time to back off a bit, at least for a while. Sort out your priorities.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your creative juices are bubbling and although some say your ideas are far-fetched, you know they can work. You have so much confidence in your abilities there is nothing you cannot do.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will be on good terms with just about everyone today but especially with a group of people who like to go to extremes. That's all fine and dandy but watch out you don't hurt yourself, or other people.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Nothing seems to faze you at the moment. Is that because your circumstances have changed for the better or is it because you finally understand that life is supposed to be fun? Whatever the reason, enjoy!

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Minor problems will likely be magnified into major setbacks today, at least in your head. It is essential that you don't let your fears get out of hand. What happened to that happy-go-lucky, optimistic Sag?

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Pluto in your birth sign gives you great power but it also brings with it responsibility for how you use that power. You may be tempted to use your authority to cut corners today but that would be a mistake.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Others may be urging you to do this or do that but don't listen to them. There is no need to panic or change your lifestyle. Changes will take place but let them happen gradually, not all in one go.

### Pisces

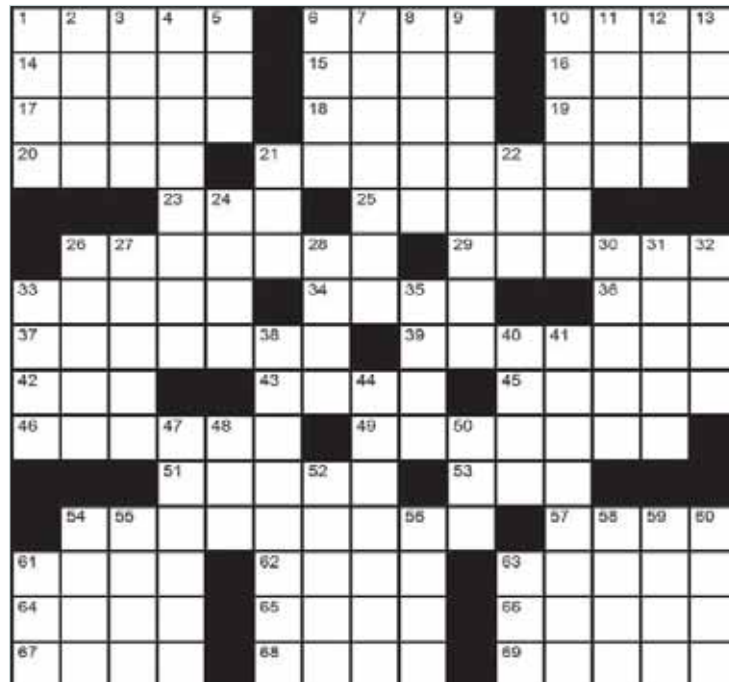
Feb. 20 - March 20

What is happening in your life may be unsettling but it is also necessary if you are to lead a fuller existence. Whatever is going on won't be happening next week. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Winnie-the-Pooh greeting
6. Long-range weapon, commonly
10. Taj Mahal's site
14. Shake like \_\_\_
15. Actor, Benicio Del \_\_\_
16. Alaska's famous Glacier
17. Alberta tourist hotspot
18. Canadian news anchor who is 3x Olympian, Rosey \_\_\_
19. Curves
20. Ice floes animal
21. Winnipeg-born singer/songwriter Chantal
23. Singer Ms. DiFranco
25. Right-hand page
26. Lady Gaga's "Bad \_\_\_"
29. Virgil epic
33. Tailor's lines
34. Subtraction opp.
36. Francis \_\_, "Love Story" score composer
37. "Piece of cake!": 2 wds.
39. Character in Great Expectations
42. Superagent on "Entourage"
43. "Hey! Hold on \_\_\_!"
45. Makes \_\_ (Is untidy)
46. City of Russia
49. Trinidad music style
51. Alan \_\_ (Canadian hubby of Suzanne Somers)



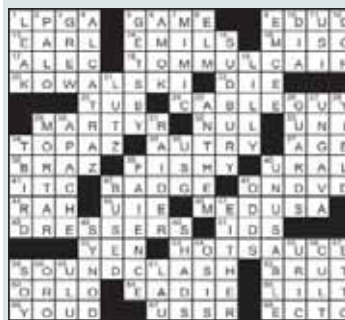
53. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
54. Fundraising entities
57. Queen's 'Bohemian', e.g.
61. Enthusiasm
62. Swimmer's circuits
63. Shrek's beloved Princess
64. The Phantom's name in Gaston Leroux's classic novel The Phantom of the

- Opera
  65. Itemize
  66. Songs
  67. Canadian comedian/actor, Jon \_\_\_
  68. Musher's 'vehicle'
  69. Some ducks
- Down**
1. Montreal hockey players, to fans
  2. Wings: Latin
  3. Ms. Horne

4. Chief Anchor of "CTV National News", Lisa \_\_\_
5. Switch selection
6. Old road of Rome
7. Emergency situation: 2 wds.
8. Alla \_\_ (Music term)
9. Daniel Day-Lewis film, "The Last of the \_\_\_"
10. Books-selling website
11. Wise adviser
12. Humphrey's part in

- "Casablanca" (1942)
13. MGM's motto, \_\_\_ Gratia Artis (Art for Art's Sake)
21. Family
22. Used up
24. Astronaut employer
26. '70s fashion, for instance
27. "Wonderwall" band
28. Islets
30. Its opposites
31. "\_\_\_ feel that way." (Concurring comment)
32. "Buenos \_\_\_!"
33. Thailand, formerly
35. Prefix meaning 'Ten'
38. Log-processing sites
40. Mr. Diggs
41. Shopper's dream site
44. "The Twilight Saga: \_\_\_" (2010)
47. Ottawa-born actress Sarah
48. Rowboat steerer
50. Mil. officers
52. Internet commerce, \_\_\_
54. Kind of mackerel
55. Brushed stuff
56. Approximated, for short
58. Sharpen skills
59. Afresh
60. Backstage \_\_\_
61. Last letter
63. Alberta's McMurray, et al.

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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